

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Carsten MUENK *et al.*

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FUSION ASSAY

Examiner: Louise Humphrey

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Dear Sir:

This submission is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is in response to (i) an Advisory Action dated November 29, 2006, (ii) an Amendment dated November 13, 2006, and (iii) a final Office action dated September 12, 2006, setting a shortened statutory time for response expiring on December 12, 2006. This submission is timely filed on January 12, 2007 with payment for a one-month extension of time. The Office rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-14 and 21-32 in the final Office action, and did not enter new claims 33-55 presented in the Amendment dated November 13, 2006, as set forth in the Advisory Action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following Amendments and Remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration respectfully is requested.